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CLUB MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, April 17, 2018
OASIS Senior Center Room #1
801 Narcissus Avenue, Corona del Mar
[Ample Free Parking – Map Here](#)

Meeting Sponsor

[Contact NBWDC if interested or with Sponsor suggestions](#)

- 5:30: Networking & Light Refreshments
- Admission (Cash, Check, Credit Card accepted)
 - Members: Free with RSVP; \$10 if Walk-in
 - Guests: \$10 with RSVP; \$15 if Walk-in
 - Check-In, Name Tags, Program Materials, Membership Information
 - Networking Opportunity
 - [RSVP Required No Later than April 14: Use Form here](#)
- 6:00: Call to Order & Welcome
- Introductions:
 - Dignitaries
 - New Members
 - First-Time Guests
 - Upcoming Events & Announcements
 - Committee Review & Updates
 - Guest Speaker Program Moderator
- 6:30: **Speakers' Program**
- Jennifer Koh: OC Sanctuary Cities
 - Brendon Perkins: Candidate, OC Board of Supervisors District 2
 - Hans Keirstead: Candidate, Congressional District 48
 - Audience Q&A
- 7:45: NBWDC Indivisible Task Force Report
- Calls to Action Reminder for Week of April 16
- 8:00: Adjourn Club Meeting

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Jennifer Lee Koh: President, OC Justice Fund



Jennifer Koh is a Professor of Law at Western State College of Law, where she is the founding director of the Immigration Clinic.

Since 2011, the Immigration Clinic has provided pro bono representation and advocacy to low-income individuals in a range of immigration matters and issues, including representation on behalf of detained individuals facing deportation.

Through the Clinic, Professor Koh has worked with numerous non-profit **organizations in the immigrants' rights field**. Her legal scholarship has been published by a range of law journals. She received her JD from Columbia Law School and BA from Yale University.

[For more information about Jennifer, see here.](#)

Brendon Perkins: Candidate, OC Board of Supervisors District 2



I was raised in Flint, Michigan and have seen first-hand the devastating effects when government fails its citizens. Like everyone else, I trusted elected leaders to act in our best interests, but I now realize that we must be citizen activists to ensure that we're at the table, so the important decisions implemented by the Board of Supervisors reflect our values.

I'm running for the Orange County Board of Supervisors (BOS) because everything that the BOS oversees and funds will positively or negatively affect the lives of 3.2 million people in our county. As a co-founding member of the 48th District Action Council and the HB Huddle, I've been active in recruiting candidates to run for office. During that process, I discovered the questionable decisions made by the BOS and decided to run in the 2nd District against the incumbent conservative, Michelle Steel.

As the BOS member in the 2nd district, I will: 1) Proactively work to implement solutions that result in long-term housing for the homeless and address the issues of taxpayers, property owners, businesses, and emergency services around the homeless issue; 2) Work smart to mitigate the effects of climate change in Orange County to preserve our precious environment for future generations; 3) Work with the private sector, city governments, and advocacy groups to create comprehensive solutions that focus on transparency and ethical decision-making by the board; and 4) Improve our quality of life by promoting a safe and affordable place to live, work and raise a family.

I'm the proud son of a 30-year GM union auto-worker and homemaker. My parents taught me the value of a good education and the responsibility to serve the community. I attended public schools and was

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motivated by teachers to set high goals. Despite a modest upbringing, I put myself through college with scholarships, student loans, and working part-time jobs to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the prestigious General Motors Institute.

I'm currently an aerospace executive and manage acquisition programs for the U.S. Air Force to support a strong military for our country. I moved to Huntington Beach from Washington, DC in 2006 with my partner of 22 years because we believe Orange County is the best place in the country to live.

[For more information about Brendon, see here.](#)

Hans Keirstead: Candidate, California Congressional District 48



A husband, father, scientist, and Orange County business leader, Dr. Hans Keirstead is **one of the world's leading innovators in stem cell research and medical treatments.**

Raised on a farm by a single mother, Hans has been working to help support his family since the age of nine. Times were not always easy for them, and there were days he would come home unsure if there would be dinner for him and his family. Hans understands firsthand the struggles many hard-working Americans face today. He is eager to have the opportunity to use his work ethic in Washington, DC and help the people of Orange County achieve their piece of the American Dream.

Inspired by his parents to help others, Hans went to college to become a physician but soon shifted to research. His aim was to develop more effective treatments to save and improve lives. He served for 15 years as Professor of Anatomy at UCI and led therapy breakthroughs for late-stage cancers, ALS and spinal cord injury.

Hans has successfully launched multiple medical research companies in Orange County and is currently CEO at AIVITA Biomedical, where he is focusing on developing a cancer treatment that is proving to be the most effective treatment for cancer that has ever reached the final phase of clinical trials.

He has advised several members of Congress and U.S. Senators on healthcare and biotechnology. When then President George W. Bush issued an executive order banning federal funding for embryonic stem cell research, Hans stepped up to help fill the void. Serving as lead scientific advisor for the California Stem Cell Initiative (Proposition 71), he toured the state to promote the ballot measure. He spoke to hospital leadership, unions, professors, doctors, nurses, and activists. Passing with nearly 60% of the vote, Proposition 71, established a \$3 billion stem cell research fund to support medical innovation in California. **Hans' wife, Niki, is a leading neuroscientist focused on Alzheimer's disease. Hans, Niki, and their son, Connor,** are proud to call Laguna Beach their home. In his spare time, Hans enjoys playing guitar and practicing martial arts with Connor.

[For more information about Hans, see here.](#)

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